

ALINGTON HOUSE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS 2023

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Alington House Community Association

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Charity Number 1113430

Company Limited by Guarantee No. 5621637

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Board of Trustees 2023

David Thurlwell (Chair)

John Lowe

Patty O'Boyle

Alix Collingwood-Swinburne

Michelle Lindsay-Baharie

Staff - 2023

Alan Barnett – Co-ordinator

Susan Girdlestone - Cleaner

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VOLUNTEERS - 2023

Graham Thurlwell

Adrian Thurlwell

Kate Morphet

Joe Hutchinson

Dana Routledge

Nathan Carr

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Obituary

It is with great sadness we announce the passing away of our Development Worker/Fundraiser Debra Barnett.

Debra was a much valued staff member for 10 years and was loved by everyone who knew her.

Debra was infectious with her enthusiasm and care for the people she worked with, often putting others first in her quest to offer the best of activities for members.

She was an advocate for women's work and that passion came through every day of her working life.

Not only a fantastic development worker Debra had a flair for fundraising, writing numerous funding bids she raised thousands of pounds for Alington House, indeed we would not have survived without her dedication and utter determination to succeed.

Unknown to some Debra was an excellent trainer, she devised a training programme for volunteers which was accredited by One Awards. Students enjoyed her way of teaching which was both inventive and fun.

There is no doubt Debra was an exceptional worker and woman, we will really miss her and we offer our condolences to her family.

Alan Barnett

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Board of Trustees Report to Members - 2024

Chairman's Remarks

This report relates to the year ended December 31st. 2023.

The start of 2023 was a most challenging period. Alan Barnett, our Centre Coordinator, was absent due to a sudden illness and our Development Officer, Debra Barnett, was also absent due to a long term illness. There were difficulties keeping Alington operational. As Chairman I stepped in, ably assisted by Kate Morphet who often stood in for Alan during annual leave. We developed hybrid working systems to enable Alington House to keep going - it wasn't always an easy task.

Sadly, during the first half of the year, we lost Debra. She had fought a long term illness with great bravery contributed positively to Alington until her final weeks. Our condolences to Alan, then as now, are most sincerely offered.

On the positive side, our drama group, The Very Important Payers and exercise classes continued to flourish. Income continued to be more related to long term lettings, supporting many in the community facing personal challenges. A range of counselling services were available, and sessional room hire hosted training courses, theatre performances and some university meetings.

Frequent requests for catering to support bookings created additional income

Alan returned to work during the second quarter of 2023 and quickly settled back into his routine. His dedication and hard work are our greatest asset.

It was my privilege to serve the association during 2023 and to continue into the present year. I am most grateful once again for the work of our volunteers and for the contribution made by our trustees.

David Thurlwell - Chair to the Trustees.

October 2024

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Centre Co-ordinators Report

Personally, 2023 was a traumatic year, with the passing of my wife Debra and myself going through a major operation, but as someone else said “Life goes On”, in terms of Alington House it certainly does.

My sincere thanks to David Turlwell and Kate Morphet for keeping the centre running I know this was not an easy task but they handle things very well.

We should never under estimate the work the Association carries out to create a building that addresses so many issue based organisations plus how we affect the lives of people who are disadvantaged in many ways, we are proud to a part of this vital work.

Our drama group continue to work hard to produce and perform in front of an ever growing audience and we admire their enthusiasm and work ethic under the guidance of Michelle who always works hard with the group.

Simon Charlton continues to put participants through their paces with the chair exercise classes and we thank Simon for his enthusiasm.

Finally, my thanks to the Trustees for their support and empathy during this year.

Alan Barnett

October 2024

Alington House Community Association (Co. No. 5621637)
Statement of Financial Activities incorporating
Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Restricted 2023 (£)	Unrestricted 2023 (£)	Total 2023 (£)	Total 2022 (£)
Income					
Canteen Takings		-	1,684	1,684	873
Decrease Doubtful Debt Allowance	14	-	-	-	101
Donations and Fair Profit	15	-	1,903	1,903	2,450
Grants		53,642	-	53,642	31,177
Membership Dues		-	415	415	435
Room Hire (less discounts)		-	84,398	84,398	68,147
Miscellaneous Income		-	1,030	1,030	1,685
Gross Income		53,642	89,429	143,071	104,868
Expenditure					
Admin		-	2,969	2,969	3,534
Building		-	19,572	19,572	22,524
Canteen Purchases		-	1,122	1,122	639
Depreciation Expense		-	988	988	1,270
Grant-Funded Expenditure		40,383	-	40,383	32,510
Non-Capitalised Equipment	16		739	739	1,831
Staff	17, 18, 19, 20	-	53,411	53,411	45,379
Miscellaneous Expenses		-	2,250	2,250	5,748
Total Expenses		40,383	81,052	121,435	113,435
Net Ordinary Income		13,259	8,377	21,636	(8,566)
Other Income					
Interest Income		-	194	194	22
Net Other Income		-	194	194	22
Net Income		13,259	8,571	21,830	(8,544)
Balance brought forward		17,579	202,000	219,579	228,124
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward		30,838	210,571	241,409	219,579

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

David Thurlwell (Chair)

Date _____

Patricia O'Boyle (Trustee)

Date _____

Alington House Community Association
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through December 2022

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Accrual Basis

		Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Canteen Takings	Canteen Takings	1,683.50	873.44
As Is	Decr'se Doubtful Debt Allowance	0.00	100.79
Donations & Fair Profit	Gifts and Donations Income	1,902.85	2,449.84
Grants	Grants	53,642.29	31,177.00
Misc	Hire of Equipment	201.44	25.00
Misc	Insurance Claim	0.00	1,550.00
Membership Dues	Membership Dues	415.00	435.00
Misc	Refunds Income	588.34	110.42
Room Hire (total)	Room Hire	84,398.00	68,147.00
Misc	Storage	240.00	0.00
Total Income		143,071.42	104,868.49
Gross Profit		143,071.42	104,868.49
Expense			
Admin	Books and Publications	7.99	27.69
Misc	Boxercise	0.00	1,020.00
Canteen purchases	Canteen purchases	1,122.49	638.67
Admin	Card Fees	54.96	8.45
Misc	Chair Exercise	0.00	262.24
Building	Cleaning and Rubbish Disposal	4,009.92	3,270.88
Admin	Companies House fees	13.00	13.00
As is	Depreciation Expense	987.53	1,270.13
Misc	Drama Group	0.00	265.50
Admin	Dues and Subscriptions	94.99	540.11
Non-Capitalised Equipment	Expensed Equipment	739.39	1,831.25
Building	Garden Expenses	0.00	370.19
Misc	Gifts and Donations Expense	394.10	453.79
Is total	Grant-Funded Expenditure	40,383.40	32,510.12
Building	Insurance	2,966.69	2,688.94
Admin	Licenses and Permits	179.97	220.00
Admin	Meeting Expenses	0.00	355.96
Misc, add others	Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	17.99
Staff	Motor Expense	409.60	639.00
Admin, is total	Office Supplies	639.71	404.95
Staff	Payroll Expenses	10,325.69	7,778.28
Admin	Postage and Delivery	168.09	98.61
Admin	Printing and Reproduction	247.48	205.15
Misc	Professional Fees	300.00	300.00
Misc	Refunds	1,555.64	3,428.23
Building, is total	Repairs	5,127.36	1,968.53
Building	Security	2,193.84	6,537.26
Admin	Software Expense	501.24	625.54
Admin	Telephone	1,061.99	1,034.56
Building	Utilities	5,273.95	7,687.99

		Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Staff	Volunteer costs	2.00	4,245.04
Staff	Wages	42,674.06	32,716.72
	Total Expense	121,435.08	113,434.77
	Net Ordinary Income	21,636.34	(8,566.28)
	Other Income/Expense		
	Other Income		
	Interest Income	193.77	21.81
	Total Other Income	193.77	21.81
	Net Other Income	193.77	21.81
Profit for the Year		21,830.11	(8,544.47)

Report to the trustees of Alington House Community Association (Limited by guarantee)
On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023
Charity Number: 1113430
Company Number: 05621637

**Respective responsibilities
of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed, It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 10/10/24